

REMARKS

The specification is amended herewith to correct typographic errors in Equation 1 on page 53 of the specification. The 'k' subscripts in the denominator are incorrect. These subscripts should be 'i'. Thus this amendment corrects Equation 1 to:

$$\frac{t_k r_k}{\sum_{i=1}^m t_i r_i} \quad (\text{as is the version of the equation in the published Japanese priority case})$$

This corrected equation is the form of the equation shown in the published PCT application, WO 03/105421 A1 in Japanese, on page 33. The cover page and Page 33 of the PCT application is appended hereto as attachment 1.

In so much that there is no new matter, applicants respectfully requests entry of this amendment, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge fees for this application to account no. 09-0468.

Respectfully submitted,



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